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The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
Regional Park and Open Space District
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ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE CITIES EXCESS FUNDS
AVAILABLE TO THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
FOR A GRANT TO THE CITY OF PASADENA FOR
THE JOHN MUIR HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER FIELD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
(FIFTH DISTRICT)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$500,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, to the City of Pasadena for the proposed John Muir High School Soccer Field Improvements Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the proposed John Muir High School Soccer Field Improvements Project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the Project.
2. Allocate an amount not to exceed \$500,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District, to the City of Pasadena for the proposed John Muir High School Soccer Field Improvements Project.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as the Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant not to exceed \$500,000 to the City of Pasadena for the proposed John Muir High School Soccer Field Improvements Project, if applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant as of the

date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise, funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate an amount not to exceed \$500,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Fifth Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition, to the City of Pasadena (City) for the proposed John Muir High School Soccer Field Improvements Project (Project).

The proposed Project involves general improvements to the existing sport field at John Muir High School in Pasadena, including the relocation of an existing softball field, the development of a full-size soccer field overlay, and the purchase and installation of a prefabricated restroom building, lighting, fencing, player seating area, spectator bleachers, trash receptacles, one drinking fountain, and landscaping. The total project cost is estimated at \$1,700,000. The recommended Cities Excess Funds will be supplemented with \$1,000,000 in State of California Prop 84 funds and \$200,000 in Residential Impact fees.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, be authorized to award the grant, when applicable conditions have been met. Applicable conditions include grantee qualifications, consistency between the project and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the project, if applicable. It is further recommended that the Director be authorized to administer the grant pursuant to the Procedural Guide previously approved by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by enhancing health-promoting recreational opportunities in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the Excess Funds grant, not to exceed \$500,000 is budgeted in the Fifth Supervisorial District's portion of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The City has met this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grant will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Fifth Supervisorial District for Cities projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation would be authorized to award grants when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a Project Agreement in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

On June 2, 2009, the Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended grant as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the Project. The City is the lead agency for the proposed Project.

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from CEQA. The Project, which consists of the relocation of an existing softball field, the development of a full-size soccer field overlay, and the purchase and installation of lighting, fencing, player seating area, spectator bleachers, one restroom, trash receptacles, one drinking fountain, and landscaping is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15303(e) and 15304(a)(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 3(b) and 4 (a)(c) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, because the project involves the construction of small new structures, minor alterations in the condition of land, and new landscaping.

The proposed Project is not in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the proposed Project records.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Project Agreement (Agreement) will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD, but are required so that the City may proceed with the proposed Project in the Fifth Supervisorial District, if all applicable conditions are met.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Facilities and Asset Management Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", with a stylized, flowing script.

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Director

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Acting County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors